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SUBJECT: CODEL MURPHY

1. WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT CODEL MURPHY HAS BEEN DELAYED AT LEAST UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH AND POSSIBLE LONGER. BUCCANEER IS CURRENTLY PASSING THROUGH A DELICATE PHASE WHICH THE ARRIVAL OF CONGRESSMAN MURPHY COULD ONLY COMPLICATE AND PROLONG. WE HOPE THAT IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT WEEK OR SO THE GOJ WILL MAKE SOME BASIC DECISIONS THEY HAVE EVADED THUS FAR. THOUGH THE ATMOSPHERE MAY BE MARGINALLY BETTER SEVERAL WEEKS FROM NOW WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE A VISIT BY MURPHY SOULD SERVE NO VERY USEFUL PURPOSE AND TO HOPE IT COULD BE DELAYED OR POSTPONED INDEFINITELY.

2. AMBASSADOR PHONED MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND JUSTICE ELI MATALON TO INFORM HIM OF THE POSSIBLE VISIT BY MURPHY. MATALON, WHOSE REACTION TO THE APPEARANCE OF THE SO-CALLED MURPHY REPORT AND THE PUBLICITY SURROUNDING IT WAS EXPLOSIVE, SAID HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE CONGRESSMAN COMING TO JAMAICA. HOWEVER, IF HE DID SO HEHAD TO BE PREPARED FOR A BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS IN A MAJOR PRESS CONFERENCE DURING WHICH MURPHY WOULD BE OBLIGED TO LAY BARE THE "SECRET TESTIMONY"

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ABOUT THE USE OF "VIETNAM-STYLE DEFOLIANTS" IN JAMAICA

AND OTHER ALLEGATIONS IN THE MURPHY REPORT. WHEN INFORMED THAT REPORTER MIGHT ACCOMPANY MURPHY, MINISTER HARDENED HIS POSITION AND ASKED AMBASSADOR TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO AVOID VISIT. FYI, THE IMPLICATION CONVEYED BY MATALON WAS THAT HE WOULD SEE THAT PRESS INTEREST IN MURPHY WAS ACTIVE AND POSSIBLY HOSTILE. END FYI

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ROBERT WEIDRICH OF THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE IS REPORTER WHO IS SUPPOSED TO ACCOMPANY MURPHY, AND A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF BARTELS, ADMINISTRATOR OF DEA, AND HAS WRITTEN A NUMBER OF FAVORABLE STORIES ABOUT BARTELS AND DEA. REPORTEDLY WEIDRICH HAS BEEN PRESSING BARTELS FOR A FULL-SCALE STORY ON BUCCANEER AND HAS RECEIVED SOME ENCOURAGEMENT FROM HIM.

4. COMMENT: THERE ARE TWO SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT ON THE PUBLICITY ISSUE. SOME DEA PERSONNEL TEND TO FEEL THAT MORE PUBLICITY IN THE U.S. WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF FURTHER INHIBITING YOUNG AMERICANS FROM SEEING THEIR FORTUNE BY SMUGGLING MARIJUANA FROM JAMAICA TO THE U.S. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE MAJOR OBJECTIVE IS TO APPREHEND AND INCARCERATE THE BIG OPERATORS IN THE SMUGGLING BUSINESS, PROVIDING THEM WITH FREE INFORMATION ON BUCCANEER PLAINLY MAKES NO SENSE. WHATEVER THE VIRTUES OF THESE ARGUMENTS WE BELIEVE FURTHER PUBLICITY IS NOT DESIRABLE JUST NOW GIVEN THE SENSITIVITY OF MATALON AND OTHERS IN THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT TO PUBLICITY IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT MATALON SAID THE MIAMI HERALD ARTICLE "SET HIM BACK SIX WEEKS" IN THE USE OF SPRAYS FOR ERADICATION. UNTIL NOW DEA HAS CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED THAT SPRAY IS ESSENTIAL TO EFFECTIVE ERADICATION EFFORT WHICH IN TURN IS CORNERSTONE OF OPERATION BUCCANEER. EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT GOJ INCLUDING MINISTER HAS MADE FULL COMMITMENT TO ERADICATION EFFORT BY WHATEVER METHOD. IF GOJ CONTINUES TO DRAG ITS FEET, PROPERLY ORCHESTRATED PUBLICITY MIGHT BECOME A USEFUL TOOL. IF GOJ MAKES FULL COMMITMENT TO SPRAYING, PUBLICITY TO MAKE CLEAR ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION PROGRAMS ARE THEIRS AND NOT OURS MIGHT BE USEFUL. IN CURRENT IN-BETWEEN STATUS ANY FURTHER PUBLICITY WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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